



McKinney Soccer Association (MSA)

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Coaches Information

WELCOME!

Thank you for volunteering your time to coach our youth in soccer. Your coaching position will require a lot of effort on your part, but you'll find out quickly that both you and your players will be rewarded in many ways. We hope the following information answers most of your questions. Please consult the website for additional information. The MSA board members are here to help, so please feel free to contact us with additional questions or suggestions. See our website for a list of board members and email contacts.

McKinney Soccer Association Mission

Please keep the MSA Mission in mind as you conduct yourself and coach your players. The mission of the Association, as stated in Section 3 of our Constitution is:

- 1. To advance and promote the game of soccer*
- 2. To provide the opportunity of fun and recreation through the development of leadership, courage, and fair play through team competition*
- 3. To develop the highest levels of ideals, sportsmanship, and fellowship*
- 4. To provide competent leadership for attainment of a successful soccer program*
- 5. To ensure that all children who wish to participate may do so without regard to sex, race, religion, without regard to playing ability.*

Spring 2010 Season Information:

The spring season begins March 6th and will end no later than May 15th. Most games will be played on Saturdays with an occasional weeknight game. There is an optional tournament on May 21-23, 2010. Make-up games may be played on Sunday afternoons and or weeknights. Rainout information can be found on our website.

Trophies

U8 & below receive participation trophies at the end of the season.

U9 & up receive place trophies for the top three teams at the end of the season.

Season Preparation

Registration: Prior to each season, registration opens for all new and returning players (usually June & July for the fall season; December & January for the spring season). Information will be emailed to all previous season's coaches & managers about re-registering. With online registration, each player must register individually. It is the coach's responsibility to follow-up with parents to ensure they have registered if they wish to return to MSA. ALL players from the roster must be given the opportunity to return to their same team. However, if a player wishes, they may choose to go back into the draft to be placed on a new team.

Coaches ID Cards: It is **REQUIRED** by NTSSA (North Texas State Soccer Assn) that all coaches in our association pass a background check. We issue a Coach ID to certify this has been done once per soccer year (every fall season for returning coaches). The online background check - VMS (Volunteer Management System) must be completed and a copy of your driver's license must be turned in to the MSA office. The VMS link can be found on the coach's game day information page of the MSA website.

Coach License: Per North Texas Soccer Association, all MSA coaches must obtain a coaching license. Clinic dates and times are posted on the coach's information page of the MSA website. Most clinics are free to MSA coaches.

G Clinic - U5 thru U8 players, 1st time volunteer parent coach.
Dates: February 20, 1:00PM to 5:00PM

F Clinic - U9 and U10 players.
Dates: Friday, February 19, 6:30-9:30PM
Sunday, February 21, 1:00-6:00PM

Team Meeting: Once you receive your roster, please contact all your players ASAP. It is a great idea to coordinate a meeting with the players and parents, so they can meet each other and discuss plans for the team, such as team name, uniforms, and practice schedule. This would also be a great time to give all parents a team roster, have parents read and sign the Code of Conduct and Medical Release Waiver and ask the parents if they would like to volunteer to asst. coach or be a team manager. Encourage all parents to read the MSA Playing Rules and Constitution and By Laws on our web site, as well as the NTSSA rules on the North Texas website www.ntxsoccer.org.

Team Names: The team name is chosen by the head coach. You must check with the MSA office before finalizing your team name, so that we can ensure there are no duplicates with the same age group.

Uniforms: All teams are responsible for ordering their uniforms. (With the exception of the U5 teams) Enclosed is a list of vendors you can contact. You may want to ask a parent volunteer to coordinate the uniforms for you. Please keep in mind that some families may have difficulty paying for expensive uniforms (most packages average from \$20-\$35 for jersey, shorts & socks). Shin guards **ARE REQUIRED** at all games and practices; cleats are optional, but must **NOT** have the toe cleat as on baseball cleats. **NO JEWELRY** can be worn during soccer games. **This includes newly pierced ears.** No Exceptions.

Additional Equipment: The following is a list of equipment that coaches need. You might want to purchase the basics when the uniforms are ordered and split the cost with all the parents. Cones - tall or flat; at least 8-16; to use at practices for drills, field boundaries, goals, etc. Practice Balls - ask all players to bring their own ball & water to every practice Pinnies - (pullover scrimmage vests) for every player to use at practices for scrimmages. On game day, the home team is **REQUIRED** to change colors or wear pinnies in case of color conflict. Goalie shirt - (and optionally gloves) - only needed for U9 and above. Flags - can be used instead of cones to mark goals for practice.

Team Practices: Practice location and time is your choice. Most teams practice at local schools or parks. MSA Rules concerning practices:

* Only registered players that have been placed on a roster by the MSA registrar can practice with a team.

* Practices are not allowed on MSA game fields Violations will result in the coach being suspended for a minimum of one (1) game.

* Practice times are to be followed as noted below:

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| U5 & U6 | Two hours per week |
| U07 - U10 | Three hours per week |
| U11 - U14 | Four hours per week |
| U15 - U19 | Unlimited |

Team Photos:

Photo Dates: March 27th. Please see sponsor page for link and order form for Buzzz Photos.

Game Day Field Information

Fields: All games U5-U14 will be played at Craig Ranch Soccer Complex located at Alma & Hwy121. Field layout and maps are posted on the web site prior to the season. U16 & U19 teams play their home games at Craig Ranch Soccer Complex and away games could be played in Plano, Frisco, Allen or other neighboring towns. Rainouts will be scheduled on weeknights or Sunday afternoons.

Traffic & Parking: Traffic congestion on game days can be a problem. Tell your parents to always park in the parking lot. The complex has plenty of parking spaces – arrive early and allow time to walk to your field. Tickets will be issued for parking on the grass or curb areas.

Items Needed For Game Day:

1. **COACHES ID CARDS:** We ask that every team have at least 2 (max 3) adults with ID cards. **ON GAME DAY, EVERY TEAM MUST HAVE A COACH PRESENT, WITH THEIR ID CARD, IN ORDER TO PLAY THEIR GAME** - Anyone Coaching must show their ID card to the referee prior to the start of the game and wear the ID throughout the game on a lanyard (provided). If no adult is available with an ID card, the team is given 15 minutes to find someone with a coach ID to coach for them. We keep a list of coaches who have been issued an ID card at the soccer fields. Please see a field official for a temporary card.
2. **Game Reports & Roster:** All U9 & up teams **MUST** give a copy of a game report to the referee prior to game start.
3. Make copies of your game report & bring to every game. If you forget your roster, you will need to see a field director for a copy of your roster.
4. **Game Ball & Pinnies:** Home team provides game ball and pinnies or change of jersey in case of color-conflict.

Important Game Day Rules:

EVERY PLAYER MUST PLAY A MINIMUM OF 50% OF EACH GAME. Random checks are made to enforce this rule. Coaches found in violation of this rule will have an A&D hearing and face suspensions. Please discuss with a field director if you are aware of any violations of this rule.

DO NOT RUN UP THE SCORE - if you find that your team is winning too easily (by more than 5 points), make adjustments to your line-up through substitutions, moving players to different positions, only allowing certain players to shoot, requiring a certain # of consecutive passes before a shot is allowed, allowing opposing team to add an extra player, etc.

COACHES & PARENTS must stay off the field during the game until the referee permits them to enter. Older age groups should have a painted coaches' box which you must stay in - no coaches or parents should be coaching from outside this area. Parents sit on one side of the field; players & coaches sit on the other side.

RESPECT THE REFEREES - many of them are young children; please treat them as you would want others to treat your children. If a field director feels it is necessary, he can ask a coach to leave the soccer fields, and the game will not resume until that coach/parent is removed any coach or parent receiving an ejection will be brought in for an A&D hearing and face further suspension. Please discuss any concerns **AFTER** the game **AWAY** from the field, in a respectful manner. If you feel attention needs to be called to your field during the game, please send someone to find a field director.

U5-U8 TEAMS WITHOUT A GOALIE

U5 -U8 have no goalie - therefore a player **cannot** remain inside the goal box consistently - For 3v3 and 4v4, a player **should not** be forced to stay back in front of goal as a defender. One of the purposes of small-sided games is to constantly involve **ALL** players and have **ALL** players' transition from offense to defense.

GAMES CANCELLED OR FORFEITED BY A COACH - Will not be made up. Only games officially cancelled by MSA will be rescheduled.

Season Tie Breakers

Head-to-Head Competition

Goal Differential (Max. of 3 goal differential)

Fewest goals allowed during the season

Highest number of shutouts during the season

Fewest Caution Points received (red/yellow cards) during the season

Playoff Game if necessary

Uniform/Equipment Vendors

For practice equipment such as cones & pinnies, you can check with the vendors listed below or Dicks Sporting Goods, Wal-Mart, etc.

Soccer Post - www.soccerpost.com (214) 544-8444

3001 S. Central Expressway Suite 300, McKinney, (75 & Central Kohl's plaza)

XARA Soccer - www.xarasoccer.com

(order form and brochure on the MSA website, coaches tab, clothing & equipment)

Dicks Sporting Goods: www.dickssportinggoods.com

170 E Stacy Road, Allen, (972) 678-2650

2611 Preston Road, Frisco, (214) 618-0920

North Texas Sports & Embroidery - www.ntsinc.com (972) 562-4774

308 N Central (Virginia & 75) & 8901 Virginia Pkwy Ste: 500 (Virginia & Custer)

(order form and brochure located on the MSA website under coaches tab, clothing & Equipment)

Breakaway Fashions - www.breakawayfashions.com specializing in girls soccer uniforms.

Locally owned and operated (972) 839-0945

Score Sports - American Soccer Company, Inc. www.scoresports.com 800-626-7774

(order form and brochure on the MSA website under coaches tab, clothing & Equipment)

Challenger Teamwear - www.challengerteamwear.com

Representative Collin Smith (972) 636-1290

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